

Grace Church exists to
glorify and enjoy God
by worshipping Him,
shepherding His people,
and advancing His kingdom,
in obedience to His Holy
Scriptures.



Grace Church of the Islands

Presbyterian Church in America

Sunday Worship
Services
10:00-11:00 am

Sunday School
11:15-12:00 noon

Evening Worship
6:00-7:00 pm

*Let them give glory to the Lord,
and declare His praise in the Islands.
Isaiah 42:12*

May 23, 2010 10:00 AM

**The Celebration of Public Worship
on Pentecost Sunday**

Announcements

Pastor Brannon Bowman

Prelude

"My Jesus. I Love Thee"

Call to Worship

Revelation 1:5b-6,8

"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty'."

Prayer for God's Presence*

Hymn and Songs of Praise**

No. 172

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

ALL SAINTS OLD

"Worthy of Worship"

JUDSON

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, worthy of all the offerings we bring.

*You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.*

Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear, worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees, worthy of all this and added to these... (*chorus*)

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**Congregation is Standing*

***Latecomers May be Admitted*

Confessing our Faith*

WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

How does the Spirit help us to pray?

We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helps our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.

For what things are we to pray?

We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others' good; but not for anything that is unlawful.

How are we to pray?

We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon him, with humble submission to his will.

What rule has God given for our direction in the duty of prayer?

The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which our Savior Christ taught his disciples, commonly called The Lord's prayer.

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

JOB 1:1-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

(page 493 in pew Bible)

People: Thanks be to God.

Hal Brodmann, Ruling Elder

Tithes and Offerings/ Passing of the Friendship Register

Offertory— "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

Morning Prayer

Confession

(Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.)

Assurance

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." - I Jn. 1:8-9

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 1:12-14
(page 1138 in pew Bible)

Sermon

"Inspired by Chains"

Hymn of Response*

No. 642

"Be Thou My Vision"
(verses 1,4 &5)

SLANE

Benediction*

Recessional*

(Sung by all)

"In Christ Alone"

No guilt of life, no fear of death this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I stand.

Sermon Notes:

"Inspired by Chains"

Philippians 1:12-14

- I. Chains Cannot _____ the _____
- II. Chains Clarify Their _____ in _____
- III. Chains Cause _____ Among _____

Taking It Home:

- God does cause *all things* to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). It is easy to make our circumstances the “big picture” as we ask God “why?”. Paul draws the eyes of the reader off his chains and onto the Gospel (v.12), the Word of God (v.14), and Christ (v.13).
 - Our difficult circumstances are an expression of God’s love for us (though it may be hard to see). God never wastes those circumstances. We are precious to our heavenly Father and *He always has gospel purposes* in our pain, suffering, difficulties, and hard circumstances.
 - Consider the amazing power of God’s divine grace. Placing Paul in chains was intended by Rome to discourage evangelism and silence the Gospel. But, the actual impact was the opposite. The degree of God’s comfort which enabled Paul to bear up under the imprisonment emboldened the church to preach the Word more and more (see also Genesis 50:20).
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Announcements

***Visiting Grace?** If you are visiting with us this morning you are our honored guest! Please stop by our table in the narthex after the worship service to receive a "Welcome to Grace!" gift. One of our greeters will be there to answer any questions that you may have. Thanks for worshiping with us.*

*Contributions to the Haiti Relief Effort can be made payable to
Grace Church of the Islands (designate "Haiti Relief").*

Grace Church as of May 2, 2010 has received \$19,651.98 for Haiti Relief

- ☞ Please join us for **Sunday School** following morning worship.
 - ☞ Join us for **Sunday Evening Services** from 6:00-7:00pm, (*supper afterwards*).
 - ☞ **Pastor's Prayer Time**— Tuesday mornings from 7am-8am. Come for part or all of this time as we join in this mighty intercession before God's throne of grace.
 - ☞ The **Women's Evening Bible Study** is meeting on Thursday's at 7pm, at the home of Lucia Welch. The study is on Ephesians and is led by Mary Ellen Calderon.
 - ☞ **The Peacemaker** is a new Adult Sunday School class beginning Sunday, June 6th. The Bible provides us with a simple yet powerful system for resolving conflict. These principles are so simple that they can be used to resolve the most basic conflicts of daily life. But they are so powerful that they have been used to mediate and arbitrate bitter divorce and child custody actions, embezzlement situations, church divisions, multi-million dollar business disputes, malpractice lawsuits, and terrible sexual abuse cases. To gain a basic understanding of this system for biblical peacemaking, we invite you to take part in this new Sunday School class.
 - ☞ **Grace Church of the Islands Softball Team** -Come out to the Brooks Sport Complex and show your support! A schedule of the games to be played is posted on the bulletin board.
 - ☞ There will be a **Visitors Luncheon** on Sunday, June 13th following the morning Sunday School classes. If you are a new visitor or have been coming for years we welcome you to join us. This is a wonderful way to get connected, ask questions, to meet new friends, and to understand what *GRACE* is all about. See Curtis McDaniel or Joel Barry if you are interested.
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- ☞ **In the Nursery: May 23rd**
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| Infant: | Scott and Sam Schrieber | May 30th |
| Toddler: | Paul and Melissa Tatum | Jerome and Nicole Watson |
| Extras: | Annelle Jenkins | Brad and Louise Durham |
| Evening: | Rosemary Taylor/Margie Miles | Barbara Gustin |
- Cindy Celento/Joan Kornblatt
- Nursery is available for infants to 3 year olds. The Crying Room (located in the back of the sanctuary) is also available for parents and children. Ask an usher if you need directions.*
- ☞ **Usher Duty:** May's Usher Captain is Wes Aaron. **5/23:** Greg Harris, Greg Sharpe and Jim Vainas. **5/30:** Stephen Vainas, Paul Tatum and Brian Newell.
- ☞ Come join us for **Wednesday Night Fellowship**
- 6:00pm– Dinner "Pancakes for Supper" Cost \$3.00 per person or \$8.00 per family
6:45-7:45pm– Discovery Clubs, High Life
A study of the book of Hebrews (Nursery is available for infants-4yrs.)
7:45pm– Adult Choir Practice
- ☞ **The Truth Project-** Come join us in one of the three classes meeting weekly:
Tuesdays, 7pm a Men's Group meets at Grace Church of the Islands
Tuesdays, 7pm a Men & Women's Group meets at the Harris' (110 Suffolk Rd.)
Thursdays, 7pm a Men & Women's Group meets at the Gibson's (111 Chatsworth Rd.)
- ☞ **Bible Study for VBS teachers & helpers**, beginning on Sunday, May 23rd at 4:45p.m. in the conference room. This 6 week Bible Study of the Ten Commandments will prepare teachers and helpers to lead their VBS classes by studying the curriculum in depth ahead of time. Everyone associated with VBS is invited to join the study. You will benefit from this time in the Word preparing our hearts to serve in VBS. Contact Carol Bowman if you need more information (897-9013).
- ☞ Deadline for the **June Newsletter** is Tuesday, May 25th.

Upcoming Events

Bible Study for VBS teachers & helpers, Today at 4:45pm
Christian Ed Ministry Team Meeting, Today at 7:30pm
Men's Launch Hour on Thursday, June 3rd at 11:30am
High School Students Boating Day, (from 12-4pm) June 5th at the Durham's
Vacation Bible School, July 12-16th, from 9am-11am

*Grace Church of the Islands is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA),
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Youth Ministry

High Life: High School & Middle School
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Men's Prayer Meeting

Prayer Meeting, 1st Sunday of the month, 8:10 a.m.

Women In the Church (WIC)

Monthly Meetings
(see announcements for dates & location)



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